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14 November 1964

NRO review(s) completed.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

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General Carter:

Recommend last sentence of paragraph 2 be reworded as follows:

"This matter was subsequently resolved by DOD who arranged for reconnaissance of the Stanleyville area by a C-97 based in Western Europe. (DCI on the morning of 15 October directed that DD/S&T not forward the U-2 information to McMillan because it was inconceivable that U-2 coverage would be permitted.)

Recommend that last sentence of paragraph 8 be revised to read:

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9. It was decided that the following Tuesday Vance and McCone would review the 1965 fiscal year budget plan for NRO.

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